

Washington and Northern Virginia Company Jamestowne Society

Summer, 2014



Fall Tour

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The Washington and Northern Virginia Company is pleased to announce its fall tour of the Brandywine Valley on Saturday, October 4th. This year, because of the higher cost of transportation, we are trying something new — we will transport ourselves.

Cars will leave our area around 8:00 and depart Delaware at 4:00. If you can drive and have extra seats in your car, or if you would like to ride with another member, please indicate that on the Tour flier included with this mailing.

The tour will start in New Castle, Delaware, founded in 1651 by Peter Stuyvesant. Because of its strategic

location, ownership of the settlement was constantly changing. The three counties, which make up the state of Delaware, were added to William Penn's lands in America and in 1682, he came ashore and took possession. In 1704, he granted the counties independent status and New Castle became the capitol of Delaware.



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Message from the Governor

Past and Present

As members of the Jamestowne Society and our Company, we naturally think about our ancestors who comprised the first English settlement in America (if we note only in a glance the Roanoke colony). If we have children and grandchildren, we may hope they will someday share in our interest in family history and genealogy. One way to continue to support a love of family heritage, is to provide Jamestowne Society memberships for the next generations.

Imagine when your take the seemingly obligatory trip to Williamsburg and the amusement areas. Then go the Island and show them the treasures of the Archaearium and they begin to understand that their ancestors touched that dish, used that tool, and wore those clothes. That is an inheritance that will continue to pay forward for untold generations.

Jacque-Lynne Schulman

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Business Meeting & Holiday Dinner

*Washington and Northern Virginia
Company*

*Army and Navy Club
901 17th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006*

Saturday December 13, 2014

*6:30 pm Reception
7:00 pm Business meeting
7:30 pm Dinner and Speaker*

Details to be announced

Fall Tour

*The Washington and Northern
Virginia Company*

Saturday, October 4, 2014

New Castle and Odessa Delaware

\$60 per person includes

Fees to all sites

and Lunch

Respond by September 26

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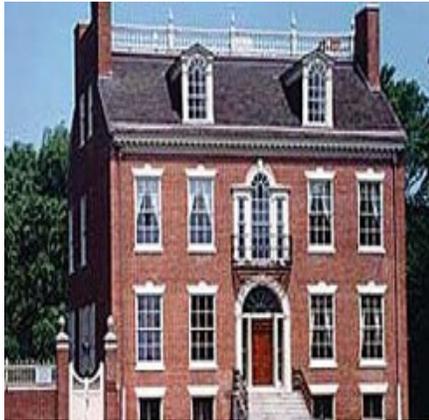
Jamestowne Society Chooses New Officers

Congratulations are extended to two members of the Washington and Northern Virginia Company who are now serving the Jamestowne Society as national officers. Jerry William Zillion was elected Lieutenant Governor and Jacque-Lynne Schulman was appointed Acting Registrar. Also serving the National Society is Monica Pesek, Council Member, 2013-2015.

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Read House and Gardens—

George Read II, (1765-1836) a prominent lawyer and son of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, brought materials and craftsmen to New Castle to construct the grandest residence in Delaware. It is one of the foremost examples of the transition from Georgian to the Federal style of architecture, with 13-foot ceilings, carved woodwork, relief plasterwork and marble fireplaces. The formal garden was added in 1847.



Read House, New Castle

Amstel House—

Among New Castle's few surviving early colonial buildings is this elegant brick, early Georgian mansion. It is the single remaining, early Georgian residence. Built in the 1730s by Dr. John Finney, it illustrates a unique five bay, gable-end façade. A large portion of the original structure remains. It has original woodwork, fine architectural details and open hearth.

The house's history is linked to many of prominent colonial families, including George Washington who attended a wedding in the parlor. Preservation saved the house from an uncertain fate, and opening in 1929 as a historic house museum.



**Dutch House,
New Castle**

Dutch House -

After touring two early mansions, we will be treated to the diminutive Dutch House which traces its origins to the late 17th century. The architecture is quaint and unusual.

After centuries of additions, the house was purchased in 1937 by the Delaware Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, and restorations done. The furnishings and objects on exhibit are of the period and a project of Mrs. Louise du Pont Crowninshield, sister to Henry Francis du Pont of Winterthur.

Odessa -

The town of Odessa, one of the most pristine Colonial townscapes, is a National Registry District, home to a National Historic Landmark and two National Parks Service Network to Freedom sites. It's early history began in the 1660s when the Dutch

settled the Appoquinimink area. The English began to colonize the region and peacefully gained control of the area in 1664.

The first schoolhouse was erected at an early date by a Quaker group, but in 1817 it was closed. In 1855 a railroad was built, with the route going through nearby Middletown. Town officials, worried about the effect the rail could have on the busy shipping business on the Appoquinimink River, decided to change the town's name to "Odessa" after the Ukrainian grain port located on the Black Sea. Shortly afterwards, the nationwide railroad network opened, causing Odessa's grain boats to become obsolete.

The town features an enclave of 18th and early 19th century buildings collection of over 4,000 objects spans an interpretive period in regional decorative arts from 1760 through 1850.



Pump House, Odessa

Mission Statement

The Jamestowne Society was organized for educational, historical and patriotic purposes, and to that end:

To discover and record the names of all living descendants of those early settlers who made the great sacrifice to establish our English-speaking Nation; and to unite these descendants to honor the memory of our early settler ancestors; and to record their deeds, and to do homage to the birthplace of Virginia and the Nation.

To associate those descendants as members of the corporation.

To bring the members into closer association through activities revolving around matters of common historical and genealogical interest.

To promote the restoration of historical records, documents, objects, and edifices which are of lasting cultural value to the people of Virginia and of the Nation;

To assist in the organization of state companies, reminiscent of the London and Virginia Companies, in states where membership and interest justify them.

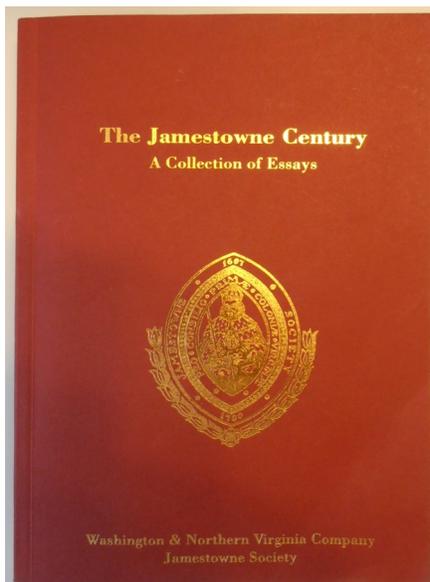
Mark your calendar

*Saturday, October 4 -
Fall Tour, Historic New Castle
and Odessa Delaware*

*Saturday, November 8 -
Jamestowne Society Meeting,
Commonwealth Club, Rich-
mond, VA*

*Saturday, December 13 -
Annual Meeting and Holiday
Dinner, Army and Navy Club,
Farragut Square*

The Jamestowne Century: A Collection of Essays



The Jamestowne Century: A Collection of Essays, written by past Company Governor, St. Julien Ravenel Marshall, Jr., touching nearly all facets of the Jamestown century, 1607 – 1699, are still available to purchase. If you are a new member, and would like to receive a copy, please call or email Jacquie-Lynne Schulman, 703-980-5181 or schulm@erols.com. To purchase one or more copies, please send a check for \$21.00 per copy plus \$3.00 postage payable to the Washington & Virginia Company, Jamestowne Society to Ms. Schulman, P. O. Box 4109, Prince Frederick, VA 20678. Be sure to include your contact information and shipping address.